

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the substance of claim 6 therein, claim 6 is accordingly narrowed to a more preferred embodiment (see, e.g., page 4, line 33, to page 5, line 4), and the other claims are amended or canceled accordingly.

It is submitted that the above amendments would put the application in condition for allowance. Claim 1 (upon which all the remaining pending claims would depend) incorporates the subject matter of previous claim 6. Thus, above-amended claim 1 is previous claim 6 recited in independent form. This subject matter was indicated to be allowable if so rewritten in independent form. The amendment renders the outstanding prior art rejections moot. Further, the amendment renders the election of species requirement moot since the claims are now directed only to the originally elected species, which has been indicated to be allowable. The amendments do not raise new issues since they merely result in directing the subject matter to the already examined previous claim 6 and claims dependent thereon. The amendments also do not present new matter or present additional claims. The amendments have been made to direct the claims to the allowed subject matter and were not earlier presented because such allowability was not previously indicated. Accordingly, it is submitted that the requested amendments should be entered.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. But the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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